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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office.

Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 4 points (3.8 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 2 points (1.7 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, strawberries, and lettuce. Lower prices were received for oranges, broilers, dairy, and grapes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of

commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of dairy, wheat, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 3 points (2.7 percent) from December 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 120, was unchanged last month but increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from December 2004.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary December 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Dec 2004 ¹	Nov 2005 ¹	Dec 15, 2005	Dec 2004 ¹	Nov 2005 ¹	Dec 15, 2005	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	3.23	3.29	3.40	3.40	3.47	3.47	33	10.60
Corn	Bushel	2.01	1.79	1.85	2.04	1.77	1.88	27	7.08
Oats	Bushel	1.59	1.35	1.50	1.60	1.63	1.73	41	4.20
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	2.87	2.67	2.85	2.99	2.82	2.94	26	11.50
Soybeans	Bushel	5.24	5.57	5.65	5.45	5.62	5.71	33	17.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	51.00	47.00	49.00	86.00	91.70	92.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	51.00	47.00	49.00	92.10	97.50	97.70		
Other, Baled	Ton	50.00	45.00	46.00	72.40	76.30	78.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	23.90	16.60	16.10	27.00	18.30	18.60	35	53.60
Hogs	Cwt	53.30	45.40	47.40	52.40	43.60	45.50	40	114.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	53.50	45.60	47.60	52.70	43.90	45.80		
Sows	Cwt	44.00	36.80	38.20	44.80	37.00	38.20		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	92.00	95.50	98.40	86.80	91.30	92.70	50	184.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	93.30	97.00	100.00	91.90	97.30	99.10		
Cows	Cwt	50.80	48.40	47.90	48.60	46.00	46.60		
Calves	Cwt	130.00	142.00	147.00	122.00	133.00	135.00	54	249.00
Sheep	Cwt	42.40	46.20		44.60	45.40			89.80
Lambs	Cwt	98.00	95.00		101.00	107.00			223.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for December 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices December 29, 2005.

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005, was 2.85 million head. This was unchanged from December 1, 2004, but up 2 percent from September 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 350,000 head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2004, but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.5 million head, was slightly above last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter.

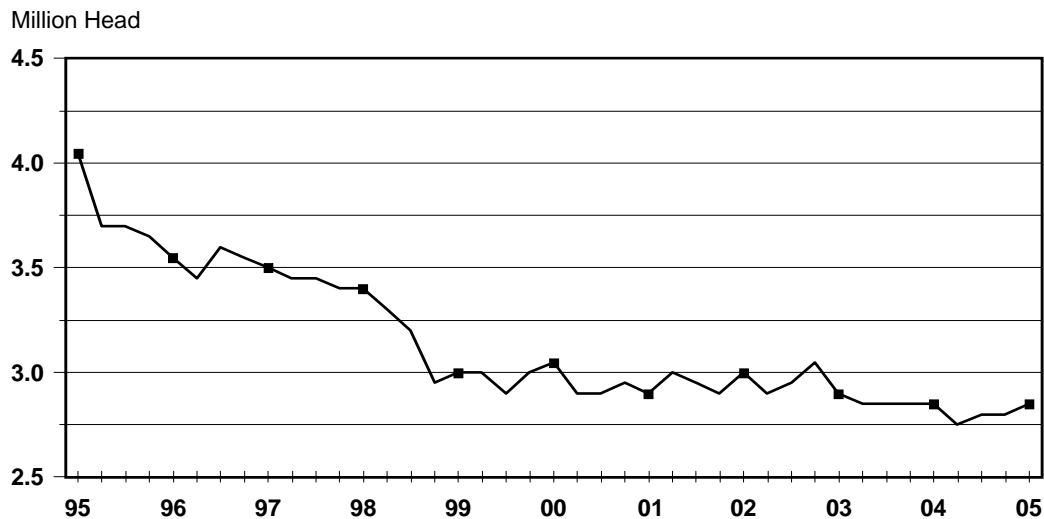
Hogs and Pigs: December 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2004-2005¹

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
December 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,850	2,850	100	60,975	61,197	100
Breeding	355	350	99	5,969	6,011	101
Market	2,495	2,500	100	55,005	55,186	100
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	970	980	101	19,980	19,955	100
60-119 pounds	650	660	102	13,439	13,552	101
120-179 pounds	470	470	100	11,186	11,266	101
180 pounds and over	405	390	96	10,401	10,414	100
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	175	175	100	2,836	2,835	100
March-May	175	175	100	2,870	2,882	100
December-May ²	350	350	100	5,706	5,716	100
June-August	175	175	100	2,905	2,899	100
September-November	170	175	103	2,888	2,888	100
June-November	345	350	101	5,793	5,787	100
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,558	1,575	101	25,105	25,343	101
March-May	1,558	1,584	102	25,633	25,986	101
December-May ²	3,116	3,159	101	50,737	51,330	101
June-August	1,558	1,584	102	26,162	26,276	100
September-November	1,530	1,584	104	25,881	26,080	101
June-November	3,088	3,168	103	52,043	52,355	101

¹ May not add due to rounding ² December preceding year.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, December 28, 2005.

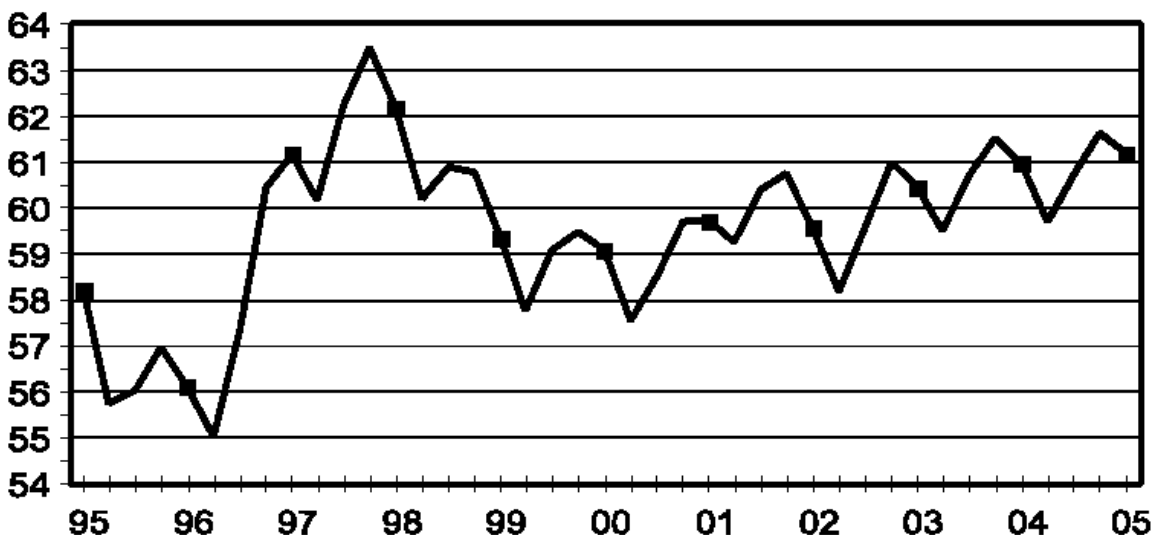
Nebraska Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1



U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory

December 1

Million Head



Livestock Slaughter, Cold Storage, and Poultry

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

November 2005 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. November 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. November 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, November 2005 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Nov. 2005 Percent of	
		Nov. 2004	Oct. 2005
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	549.7	101	97
Hogs, head	609.6	102	97
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	577.1	103	97
United States			
Cattle, head	2,667.5	105	100
Calves, head	56.3	83	100
Hogs, head	9,132.3	102	100
Sheep & Lambs, head	224.5	93	98
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,942.3	105	100

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, November 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Nov. 2005 Percent of	
		Nov. 2004	Oct. 2005
1,000 Lbs.			
Total red meats	885,021	97	98
Beef	430,588	93	98
Pork	433,578	99	97
Poultry	1,074,748	101	88
Turkey	200,901	68	48
Chicken	870,961	113	108

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, December 21, 2005.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, November 2005 with Comparisons

Item	2004	2005	2005/2004
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	12.0	11.9	99
United States	344.8	346.6	101
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	265	256	97
United States	6,435	6,482	101
Chickens Hatched, Nov			
United States			
Egg-type	38.8	32.8	85
Broiler	730.4	747.3	102

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, December 22, 2005

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, December 23, 2005

Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales, by Crop and Month, Nebraska, 2001-2005¹

Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Ercen</i>												
Corn												
2001-02	6	13	15	8	11	6	7	6	7	6	8	7
2002-03	7	13	13	10	13	7	9	7	6	4	5	6
2003-04	5	15	16	12	14	8	9	6	3	4	4	4
2004-05	5	9	15	12	11	10	8	5	6	7	6	6
Sorghum Grain												
2001-02	2	20	14	17	16	5	5	5	5	4	4	3
2002-03	7	16	18	13	9	6	7	6	6	5	2	5
2003-04	3	20	20	18	18	6	7	3	1	1	1	2
2004-05	1	6	22	11	12	12	10	3	6	7	6	4
Crop Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<i>Percent</i>												
Soybeans												
2001-02	2	28	14	11	15	6	8	5	3	2	3	3
2002-03	6	23	12	11	14	9	6	7	4	3	3	2
2003-04	9	42	12	9	11	4	5	2	1	1	2	2
2004-05	6	21	14	11	9	13	10	4	3	4	2	3
Dry Edible Beans												
2001-02	29	23	4	9	11	4	2	4	4	2	4	4
2002-03	25	26	3	5	3	2	4	6	6	3	5	12
2003-04	38	18	4	6	7	5	4	3	3	4	4	4
2004-05	16	28	12	9	8	7	7	3	1	3	3	3
Crop Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<i>Rcent</i>												
Wheat												
2001-02	27	12	5	8	2	9	10	4	5	6	4	8
2002-03	48	15	11	4	2	3	4	2	3	3	3	2
2003-04	29	10	10	12	8	7	6	4	5	3	2	4
2004-05	27	11	13	3	5	6	8	9	7	3	3	5
Oats												
2001-02	33	22	11	1	3	2	3	3	9	7	2	4
2002-03	39	14	10	3	1	10	6	4	4	3	1	5
2003-04	42	37	8	2	1	1	3		3			3
2004-05	23	19	3	1	4	5	13	7	10	8	3	4
Crop Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<i>Percent</i>												
Hay												
2001-02	6	8	8	9	10	12	10	13	8	8	5	3
2002-03	6	9	6	9	10	11	15	11	9	8	4	2
2003-04	3	5	6	10	12	14	15	11	9	6	5	4
2004-05	6	9	7	9	11	13	14	10	8	6	4	3

¹ Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as a percent of total used for calculating marketing year average prices.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 31, 2005, September 29, 2005, November 30, 2005

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